TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 3783

March 7, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the information contained in handgun carry permit applications and renewals, the information provided to agencies to investigate applicants, and the records maintained relative to the permit application to remain confidential. Specifies such information may be released to a law enforcement agency for the purpose of conducting an investigation or prosecution or for determining the validity of a handgun carry permit, or to a child support enforcement agency for purposes of child support enforcement, but may not be publicly disclosed as evidence in a criminal or child support enforcement proceeding. Creates a civil cause of action for unauthorized publication of handgun carry permit applications or records.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Safety, the proposed bill would save numerous man hours currently used for compiling computer reports, copies, and redacting sensitive information. The Department completes open records requests without compensation unless copies are made and are actually picked up. The revenue received is not significant.
- A small increase in cases in the court system will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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